

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-13 are pending, with Claims 1, 4 and 7-11 being independent. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7, 8, 12 and 13 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-11 are amended herein. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by the patent to Oshima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,526,045). This rejection is traversed.

Applicant's invention as recited in independent Claim 1, as amended, is directed to an imaging apparatus capable of imaging a still picture and a motion picture. The apparatus includes an image stabilizer that suppresses image blur of the imaging apparatus, determining means that determines whether an indication is a still picture imaging indication or a motion picture imaging indication, and a controller that selects a control frequency characteristic of the image stabilizer based on the result of the determination of the determining means.

Applicant's invention as recited in independent Claim 4, as amended, is directed to an imaging apparatus capable of imaging a still picture and a motion picture. The apparatus includes an image stabilizer that suppresses image blur of the imaging apparatus, an imaging switch that performs an imaging operation, and a controller that controls the image stabilizer using a predetermined control characteristic selected from among a plurality of control

characteristics. The predetermined control characteristic is selected in response to operation of the imaging switch, and on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging.

Applicant's invention as recited in independent Claim 9, as amended, is directed to an imaging apparatus capable of imaging a still picture and a motion picture. The apparatus includes an image stabilizer that suppresses image blur, and a detector that detects a vibration frequency using a predetermined vibration detection characteristic selected from among a plurality of vibration detection characteristics. The predetermined vibration detection characteristic is selected on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging.

Applicant's invention as recited in independent Claim 10, as amended, is directed to an imaging apparatus capable of imaging a still picture and a motion picture. The apparatus includes an image stabilizer that suppresses image blur, a controller that controls the image stabilizer, and a panning and tilting detector that detects whether the imaging apparatus is panning or tilting, using a predetermined detection characteristic selected from among a plurality of detection characteristics. The predetermined detection characteristic is selected on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging.

Applicant's invention as recited in independent Claim 11, as amended, is directed to an imaging apparatus capable of imaging a still picture and a motion picture. The apparatus includes an image stabilizer that suppresses image blur, an imaging switch that performs an imaging operation, and a panning and tilting detector that detects whether the imaging apparatus is panning or tilting, using a predetermined detection characteristic selected from among a

plurality of detection characteristics. The predetermined detection characteristic is selected in response to operation of the imaging switch and on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging.

Applicant submits that the cited reference fails to teach or suggest important features of Applicant's claimed invention.

Oshima et al. is directed to a camera apparatus that automatically corrects image fluctuations. Oshima et al. discloses an image control switch for switching between a still image taking mode, a damping mode, a panning mode, and other modes and for turning on and off an image control function, as well as an image control circuit that corrects an image blur according to the output of fluctuation detecting means. When the image control switch is set to the damping control mode, or when the image control switch is depressed in the event that there is no damping control image mode, the filter control circuit causes filters in respective pitch, yaw, and roll control circuits to be inserted in the control system to cut off low frequencies to effect control only on fluctuations in a certain frequency range. Oshima et al. also discloses that when the camera enters the panning mode, the filter control circuit responds and changes the settings in the filters in the control circuits.

In contrast to the presently claimed invention, however, Applicant submits that Oshima et al. does not teach or suggest that the control characteristic of the image stabilizer, or the detection characteristic of the detector can be selected in accordance with whether the mode is a still picture imaging mode or a motion picture imaging mode. That is, Applicant submits that Oshima et al. does not teach or suggest, at least, that the apparatus includes determining means that determines whether an indication is a still picture imaging indication or a motion picture

imaging indication, and a controller that selects a control frequency characteristic of the image stabilizer based on the result of the determination of the determining means, as recited in Claim 1.

Applicant also submits that Oshima et al. does not teach or suggest, at least, that the apparatus includes an imaging switch that performs an imaging operation, and a controller that controls the image stabilizer using a predetermined control characteristic selected from among a plurality of control characteristics, the predetermined control characteristic being selected in response to operation of the imaging switch, and on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging, as recited in Claim 4.

Moreover, Applicant submits that Oshima et al. fails to teach or suggest, at least, that the apparatus includes a detector that detects a vibration frequency using a predetermined vibration detection characteristic selected from among a plurality of vibration detection characteristics, the predetermined vibration detection characteristic being selected on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging, as recited in Claim 9.

Additionally, Applicant submits that Oshima et al. fails to teach or suggest, at least, that the apparatus includes a panning and tilting detector that detects whether the imaging apparatus is panning or tilting, using a predetermined detection characteristic selected from among a plurality of detection characteristics, the predetermined detection characteristic being selected on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging, as recited in Claim 10. Applicant submits, likewise, that Oshima et al. does not teach or suggest, at least, that the apparatus includes an imaging switch that performs an

imaging operation, and a panning and tilting detector that detects whether the imaging apparatus is panning or tilting, using a predetermined detection characteristic selected from among a plurality of detection characteristics, the predetermined detection characteristic being selected in response to operation of the imaging switch and on the basis of whether the imaging apparatus is performing still picture imaging or motion picture imaging, as recited in Claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the cited reference fails to teach or suggest important features of Applicant's claimed invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection are requested.

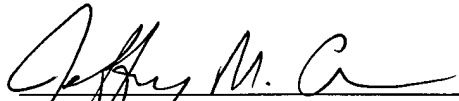
Applicant submits that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 1, 4 and 9-11. Dependent Claims 3, 5 and 6 are also patentable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in the independent claims.

Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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